

## STOCKS ARE STRONG

### Wall Street Begins New Year in Promising Manner.

#### CONSERVATISM THE KEYNOTE

Some Latent Fear Shown Over Elastic Currency Proposition—Interstate Commerce Commission Investigation of Harboring Lines Fails to Disturb the Market.

New York, Jan. 6.—Last week's security market, broken as it was by the New Year's holiday, took up to the extreme latter part of the period of the same desultory and more or less featureless character that it did in the week preceding. Prices of stocks, however, hardened and at last rose sharply, reflecting in their movement, naturally enough, the brightened prospect for values that had come about since the beginning of the new year.

Confidence grew that liquidation in the security market had been completed and that the money situation was on the point of decided and permanent improvement and that many factors that had depressed the market had lost their force. Rather especial pressure was in the fore part of the week brought to bear upon Union Pacific stock, due to the knowledge that the investigation of the Union Pacific system by the Interstate Commerce Commission was to begin in this city on Friday; but the results of the first day's session of the commission were clearly such as to cause speculative buying rather than selling of the Union Pacific shares.

#### Expect Increase of Dividends.

Amalgamated Copper stock was strong during the entire week and buoyant at the close, owing to the general and presumably well-founded belief that developments in the way of increased dividends on the stock were impending. It would also not be surprising if a scheme was maturing for making up to the amalgamated stockholders the dividends that were necessarily reduced some years ago. A common matter of observation for a long time back has been the vivid contrast presented by it to the market during the corresponding period a year ago. Then, although call money rates were at figures almost fantastically high, a wild state of frenzied speculation for the rise was in progress. Transactions in stocks were on a very large scale and Wall Street was the scene of great excitement.

Quotations and an indisposition on the part of the great majority of speculators to make ventures either for the rise or fall in stocks prevailed in Wall Street throughout the last four months of last year, the cause of it all being, of course, an undercurrent of feeling that the general financial situation had become such as to warrant conservatism. Yet it was this same slowness of pace in Wall Street that during all this time kept undimmed the faith of the people regarding the ultimate favorable outcome of financial affairs.

#### Conservatism the Keynote.

Our business men and our great leaders in Wall Street, instead of being swept off their feet by the immense prosperity of the country, are maintaining their equipoise and taking their measures accordingly. This means in all human probability that whatever perils pestilence has been predicting for business in the country in the current year will be avoided, and that another year of soundly based and significant prosperity for our country awaits us.

There are two aspects of business life in the nation to which attention has often been directed, which again recur pointedly at the present moment. One of these is the increased tendency of the business men of the country toward policies of conservatism and cautiousness as compared with those often adopted in former years. While there is no abatement of initiative, no lack of energy and no lessening of the business plans in the United States of "taking thought of the morrow," of self-restraint, of a continual raising of questions whether the "boom" in this or that business might not be overdone.

Plungers there are in Wall Street, and always will be, who have met and always will meet, with the inevitable fate of their class, and speculative operations for the rise must invariably attend such a vast development of business in our country as has taken place since 1896.

#### Latent Fear Over Elastic Currency.

Among speculators in Wall Street great urgency is naturally claimed for the passage at the present session of Congress of the measures for the reform of the currency recently recommended by the American Bankers' Association, but while these measures are still commended by thoughtful people throughout the country, the opinion is manifestly gaining ground that it might not be overwise after all to stimulate for the time being business activity or speculative enterprises by anything to which in any degree could be applied the name of inflation of the circulating medium. There has already been a great increase in the circulating medium in the last few years is a matter of record, and there are those who largely attribute to this rather than to the normal influences of supply and demand the rise in the price of commodities that has taken place.

It is needless to say that there are varying contentions, but only to raise the suggestion whether the need of the country, for the time being, is not an increase of its facilities for the conduct of business, rather than the further development of new business itself, and whether, also the constant increase in the supply of money that is now taking place through the production of new gold and the enlargement of the bank-note circulation will not provide whatever additional cash is actually needed for the settlement of balances in mercantile and financial transactions.

#### Money Market Stronger.

The one signal development of the week in Wall Street was the great change for the better in the general money situation. There was a practical disappearance of the premiums recently bid for the use of time funds, while bank renewals of loans made on call were cut down successively during the week, until on Friday a rate of only 5 1/2 per cent prevailed for money for use until the following Monday. Early in the week there were a number of indications that the financial position in England had become so strengthened as to lead to something more than a mere hope that the Bank of England's minimum discount rate might be reduced in the course of the present month, and these indications were so reinforced before the week was out that the belief is now generally entertained that the high-discount rate of 6 per cent cannot be maintained by the

Bank of England more than a fortnight longer.

Money in the open market in London is lending at a rate only 1 per cent below the bank rate, and the better financial prospect has caused a striking advance in the price of consols and the other leading investment stocks. What came to pass regarding time-money rates here, of course, was that as soon as the necessity for making preparations for the annual financial settlement was over demands for time money for thirty and sixty days were no longer become insistent, and borrowers generally became unwilling to pay the high rates for time funds nominally quoted.

#### Cash Gets Back to New York.

It is well known that it will take some time, possibly a fortnight, for the money to get back to this center that was disbursed on January 1. There is no doubt, however, that it will return in due time, and that fact, coupled with the large disbursements of government funds which must take place during the month owing to the heavy financial payments by the government falling due at that time, gives assurance, seemingly, that no such high rates for time money as were witnessed last November and December will again soon be seen.

In Wall Street speculative sentiment opinion is more inclined to favor the chances of an advance in the industrial stocks than in those of the general run of railway shares. It seems to be commonly thought that the railway stocks are still selling on a rather high level considering the money situation, and that railway companies in general are menaced by certain special hardships for the time being that industrial concerns do not feel. The great industrial companies are, on the other hand, profiting in an extreme degree in the high market valuations now obtaining for all leading commodities. It is pointed out that although the earnings of the United States Steel Corporation for the last two quarters are estimated at \$75,000,000, as compared with \$65,000,000 in the corresponding quarter of 1906, or an increase of 18 per cent, this price of the common stock of the corporation in the meantime has advanced but little, while that of the preferred stock has actually decreased.

## OPINIONS OF THE NEW YORK MARKET

From The Washington Herald of Yesterday.

G. Bowie Chapman, of E. R. Chapman & Co.—"Energetic tactics continued throughout the session. Opening prices were higher, and the advance continued rapidly, culminating just prior to the announcement of the bank statement, this showing the surplus reserve as having been reduced to \$100,000,000. The market suffered quite a reaction, but later rallied and closed firm, although many of the issues failed to regain the high points of the morning. It looks as if Monday's opening might show some irregularity, as the present advance has certainly been rapid."

Benjamin Woodruff, of Post & Flagg—"There was good selling during the day, which, I think, was natural after the big rise. The test of the present advance in prices will come on Monday, when the effect of this good selling becomes more apparent."

Herbert L. Jones, of Charles G. Gates & Co.—"The week ends with a distinctly better feeling. The bank statement was a surprise, but its effect was momentary, as it is well known that the general financial situation is fast improving, and the closing rally bears this out. The market is entitled to further advance, but on any reaction, however small, good stocks are a purchase."

George L. Edmunds, of Dick Brothers & Co.—"There seems to be little to worry about at present, except the all-too-reasonable danger of irregularity and sudden advances in the rate for time and call money. It must, however, be borne in mind that the market has had a fair advance, and that the interest has already been perceptibly diminished."

S. H. Agnew, of Henry Clews & Co.—"The stock market opened strong with decided gains in prices. The opening met with plenty of stocks offered at a discount by London and the traders. The principle buying was by commission houses on orders received overnight. The easier money rates has undoubtedly reawakened the interest of the outside public to some extent, and there is a noticeable picking up in public buying. Prices scored their highest just before the bank statement was made, but the market was not so thoroughly dispirited, as operations of considerable proportions resulted. The bank statement was a great disappointment, as the Treasury surplus is completely wiped out. After a decline of one or three points in some of the leading issues, the whole market rallied, and close to near the highest price of the day, showing that the market had good support. When the bank statement is thoroughly digested, and the stringency of money may be more apparent, and look for a recession in prices at the opening on Monday."

Thomas L. Hunt, president of the Washington Stock Exchange—"The market completely fulfilled the promise indicated at the close Friday. The bank statement was astonishingly disappointing, but hardly reflected the actual financial condition, and exerted a moderating influence. It is probable, however, owing to the rapid advance in the market, that the reaction should be subdued at this level."

#### HERE IT IS AGAIN!

That Same Old Rummage Sale and the Same Old Story.

Newcastle, Ind., Jan. 6.—In search of bargains and wearing a new cloak, a woman member of the Christian Church visited the basement of the church, where a rummage sale was being held. The basement being warm, the woman divested herself of her cloak and thoughtlessly laid it on a counter that was covered with articles for sale.

Another woman, a "bargain hunter," entered the room, and seeing the nice cloak on the counter, bought it for 75 cents from the inexperienced "saleswoman" and carried it away.

Half an hour later, when the careless woman who had the cloak among the "bargains" was ready to go home, she found it had disappeared. Then there were the dispirited and the search in the church. Some of the amateur "salesladies" went skimming in a hurry, but it required an hour's time to find the "bargain" purchaser, make the necessary explanation, and return the cloak to the rightful owner.

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## PARIS TONING DOWN

### Vicious Literature and Plays Publicly Condemned.

#### FOREIGN GAMBLERS EXPELLED

France to Construct Submarine Cruisers—Saint-Saens Pleased with Americans, and He Lauds Roosevelt—Spitzer-Hanne Duel Is Fought. Priests Fined for Saying Mass.

Paris, Jan. 6.—Little by little Paris life, of what foreigners call Paris life, seems to be toning itself down. Distinguished men write articles from time to time in the press urging restriction of the license permitted in the display of questionable literature and illustrations. Prefect of Police Lepine has suppressed some vendors of photographs for outraging good manners, and has forbidden the employment of girls in the fabrication of any articles of an immoral association, while the hebdomadary repose laws have transformed the Sunday aspect of the city.

On Thursday night a theater audience execrated the flaunting of disgusting vice in its face, and yesterday the public authorities suppressed one of the actors. To-day the announcement was made that Premier Clemenceau is determined to expel from France all foreigners at the head of gambling clubs. These multiplied rapidly for the passage of the association law of 1901. Some of them admitted women and big sums were lost. Forty-two Belgians alone have been ordered to leave under the Clemenceau order, and more will follow.

#### Seize Mme. Maintenon's Manuscripts.

When the prefect's men visited the Grand Seminary of Versailles they found 250,000 francs in securities and many manuscripts of Mme. Maintenon, which had been acquired by the seminary in the eighteenth century, including a volume of replies by the madame to familiar questions asked her by the students at recreation time. Many letters were also found. The prefect will devote the money to benevolent institutions, and the manuscripts will be placed in the departmental archives. The seminary is likely to be turned into a horticultural school.

A new game was successfully worked on a provincial manufacturer here this week. On his arrival in Paris he took an automobile at the station and drove to the home of a friend. On leaving the house some time later he found a pretty woman in the automobile. She said she had never been in one before, and begged for a ride. The manufacturer smiled, and consented to take her along. On the way she chloroformed and robbed him. Then she hailed the chauffeur, told him to stop the auto, and stepped out. She ordered the driver to proceed to the Pasteur Institute, where he discovered the manufacturer unconscious.

#### France Plans Submarine Cruisers.

The admiralty has decided to build four submarine boats, which will be classed as submarine cruisers. It is announced that they will be superior to any submarine afloat, and have a radius of action of 2,500 miles without making port. The surface speed will be fifteen knots an hour, and the submerged speed ten knots. The displacement will be 800 tons.

The Bishop of Orleans was fined five francs and three priests at Compiègne one franc for saying mass. Another priest was acquitted on the ground that the mass was celebrated in accordance with the will of a dead man. In many towns in France the seminaries are free religious institutions, and the seminaries are being opened by the religious authorities. In some instances the buildings and equipments have been given by Catholics out of their private funds. In others, as at Albi, the seminary authorities have given notice by declaration that they are going to transform the institution into a school for private instruction.

Cardinal Richelieu's letter on the organization of the Dictionnaire de Cuite confirms the outline previously cabled. The cardinal begins his letter with the subject of spoliation, saying spoliation is about to be consummated more rapidly and thoroughly than was at first announced. He beseeches the faithful to contribute liberally toward defraying the expenses of the diocese.

#### Liberte announces that the first rules, ordering simplicity at funerals, will be modified so as to permit more lights and music, and to allow the collection of more fees.

Saint-Saens Lauds Roosevelt. Saint-Saens, the composer, who has just returned from New York, says Americans are admirably informed on foreign and contemporary music, and there is no better public. He says New York is calumnyed when it is charged that the town is wanting in interest. He found New York the most successful type of modern cities. The homes are exceedingly comfortable, and the parks are superb. Speaking of President Roosevelt, Saint-Saens said:

"He is a veritable democratic president. I do not know if he likes music, but he came to my concert. It was the first he had attended since he has been President."

The witnesses to the duel between Lieut. Spitzer and Lieut. "Andre" to-day issued the notices, which are generally sent out immediately after such meetings, in which it is stated that owing to an altercation between Lieuts. Spitzer and Hanne a meeting was judged to be inevitable. Lieut. Hanne, as the offended party, chose army revolvers. Two shots were exchanged at thirty paces. Ordinary city clothes were worn, without overcoats or furs. Gloves could be worn at the will of either party. Having sustained Lieut. Spitzer's fire, Lieut. Hanne fired and wounded his opponent. The document is signed in behalf of Lieut. Hanne by Constable Raymond and in behalf of Lieut. Spitzer by Mande Niel. In this statement the correct name of Lieut. Spitzer's opponent is given for the first time. The statement does not say whether the duel was fought in American style, or otherwise. Magistrate Hamard examined the witnesses to the duel this evening.

The Intransigent says it is not true that Lieut. Spitzer fired in the air. The bullet from his revolver grazed Lieut. Hanne's foot, and he is now confined to his bed by his injury.

#### Col. Perry Carson Convalescent.

Col. Perry H. Carson, of the District government, has been confined to his home for several days, suffering with an attack of acute indigestion. Dr. E. D. Williston, his attending physician, says that he is out of danger and improving rapidly.

#### Plumbers' Arbitrators to Meet.

The board of arbitration selected to settle the controversy between the master plumbers and journeymen will hold a final meeting this afternoon at the Georgetown Law School. It is thought the decision will be handed in this week.

## STEAMER PALATIALLY FITTED.

New Ocean Monster Adriatic Has Elevator and Turkish Baths.

The White Star Company has announced that on May 22 the Adriatic, the most palatial ocean-going vessel afloat, will make her maiden voyage from New York for Plymouth, Cherbourg, and Southampton, after coming to New York from Liverpool, leaving May 8.

The Adriatic is almost completed, and will be delivered to the company late in April, ready for her first trip, and in point of size and equipment she will not be excelled by any Atlantic Ocean steamers. In addition to all the other modern improvements, this boat will have a symposium, elevators, and Turkish baths, the latter unbridged and combining all the comforts of such a bath on land.

In the first-class dining saloon, which is exquisitely furnished, the tables will be arranged in French restaurant style, and there will be a hand carried on each trip.

The ship measures 725 feet 9 inches long, 35 feet 6 inches beam, is about 50 feet deep, has a gross tonnage of nearly 23,000 tons, and a displacement of more than 40,000 tons. There are nine steel decks, and the electric elevator running from the first-class entrance on the boat to the dining saloon on the upper deck thus serves four of the decks.

#### Southampton to Be Terminal.

New York, Jan. 6.—When the youngest giant of the trans-Atlantic liners, the Adriatic, of the White Star Line, starts on its maiden voyage to New York on May 8, the sailing will mark a radical departure in the service of the White Star Line.

For thirty-six years Liverpool has been the British terminal for all White Star boats, but with the commissioning of the Adriatic the British terminal of the Wednesday mail service will be transferred to Southampton, the steamers calling at Plymouth and Cherbourg east-bound, and at Cherbourg and Queenstown west-bound. In the announcement of the change in service, made to-day by the steamship company, it is stated that the change was brought about by the growing popularity of the channel ports as a convenient and comfortable way of reaching Paris and London, and by the recommendations of thousands of patrons who disliked the annoyance of waiting in the docks at Liverpool as a terminal forced upon them.

## WOMEN'S SLIPPERS AWE ARMY

Warriors Line Up in Court With Maternal Ancestors Near By.

Only One American Soldier Captured After \$800 Worth of Windows Are Broken.

New York, Jan. 6.—There were seven youthful warriors at the railing in front of Magistrate Brennan, in the Yorkville Police Court to-day. Sitting on the benches in the rear of the court were seven agitated mothers, each carrying something that looked like a slipper under her arm. When the mothers got a chance to speak, the court they were very earnest in their protest to put the slippers into action as soon as they had got the boys home.

The lads had been engaged late Saturday afternoon in a stone-throwing battle with a number of others that were lucky enough to escape when the police reserves were called out. Besides the bruises inflicted upon one another, the belligerents did more than \$800 worth of damage to the windows of houses within range.

Freddie Sawyer, who lives at 381 East Eighty-first street, was said to be the general that headed the Japanese forces. The East Side boys kept posted on current events, and a week ago war was declared against Japan. There were allies of Nippon in plenty in the neighborhood of the public school on Seventy-third street, between Second and Third avenues. So it happened that soon after the declaration of war the smashing of windows passed in the vicinity of the school kept the glaziers busy.

Willie Koval, of 33 East Seventy-fifth street, was the only American soldier captured. When the bluecoats and brass buttons bore down upon them the American general handled his army in such a mastery way that he got the rest of them off to a place of safety.

#### FEWER VESSELS ARE BUILT.

Bureau of Navigation's Report Shows Decrease for 1906.

The Bureau of Navigation reports that sixty-two vessels of 10,577 gross tons were built in the United States and officially numbered in December, 1906. Fifty-eight were of wood and four of steel. The largest steel steam vessel in the list is the Sierra, 4,846 tons, built by the Toledo Shipbuilding Company.

In the six months ended December 31, 1906, there were 508 sail and steam vessels of 181,943 gross tons built in the United States and officially numbered. In the corresponding six months of 1905, there were 542 vessels of 156,067 gross tons built and numbered. For the calendar year 1906 the vessels built in this country and registered numbered 1,055 of 282,231 gross tons; for 1905, 1,064 of 305,363 gross tons; for 1904, 1,065 of 285,104 gross tons; for 1903, 1,128 of 341,979 gross tons, and for 1902, 1,382 of 423,327 gross tons.

## WHOLE CLASS UNDER ARREST.

Virginia Military Institute Students Violate Regulation.

Special to The Washington Herald. Lexington, Va., Jan. 6.—The third class of the Virginia Military Institute, eighty-three strong, has been called under arrest for taking part in a pyrotechnic display from the roof of one of the college buildings at a New Year's celebration.

Such a display is against the regulations of the school. The students refused to come down when ordered. Col. Mills, commandant of the school, and other officers were forced to be unwilling witnesses to the exhibition.

Several years ago the first class of the institute, known as a "mad" class, was similarly New Year's celebration. It is generally believed that the third class will suffer the same penalty for the present infraction of the regulations.

#### Mrs. Sarah Ann Johnson Dead.

Special to The Washington Herald. Boyds, Md., Jan. 6.—Mrs. Sarah Ann Johnson, widow of Benjamin Johnson, formerly of Hyattstown, this county, died at 6 o'clock last night, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. B. Thompson, near Newville, this county, after a long illness. She was in her seventy-fourth year.

#### New Life Company Organized.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 6.—The Imperial Assurance Company, of Pittsburg, has been organized, and will commence doing business at once. It is licensed to do health, accident, and life insurance business, and has representative local men on the roster of its directors and stockholders.

## NEGROSUSPECTS HELD

### Alexandria Police Arrest Driver and Companion.

#### COUNCIL MEETS TO-MORROW

Police Hope to Have Second-hand Dealers Make Daily Written Reports—Funeral Services Held for Mrs. Eliza E. Fendall—Circuit Court Opens To-day—Other News.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU. (Bell Telephone 112.) Corner of Prince and Royal Streets.

Alexandria, Va., Jan. 6.—Two colored men, driving their names as Nathaniel Johnson and Isaac Wilson, and claiming Washington as their home, were arrested here this afternoon by Officers Ferguson and Roberts on suspicion of stealing a horse and wagon. The men were locked up at the station house, where they will be held pending an investigation in Washington. The horse and wagon, the latter a light top vehicle, were taken possession of by the police.

Johnson drove over from Washington this afternoon, according to his statement, and picked up Wilson on the road. The former was apparently attempting to sell the property to two colored citizens of this city when the officers made the arrest.

Johnson said he would take \$35 for the horse and wagon. At the station house Johnson gave his address as 719 L street northwest, but Lieut. Smith, upon communicating with the Washington police, was informed that no such person lived at that number. The prisoner made other statements which the police said were conflicting.

#### City Council to Meet.

The city council will convene on Tuesday night next after the annual Christmas holidays.

It is expected that in the near future council will enact a law requiring all second-hand dealers to make a daily written report to police headquarters of their purchases. This, it is stated, would greatly facilitate the police in finding stolen goods. At present, when the police desire to locate stolen goods they are compelled to visit various establishments where second-hand goods are bought and sold.

Some time ago council passed a law requiring all junk dealers to make a daily report to police headquarters of their purchases, and it is said, the law has worked most satisfactorily.

#### Mrs. Fendall Is Buried.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Eliza E. Fendall, whose death occurred Friday, took place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at her residence, 211 South St. Asaph street, and were attended by many friends and relatives of the deceased. Rev. P. P. Phillips, of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, officiated, and the interment, which was private, was in St. Paul's cemetery. The pallbearers were Hubert Snowden, Algernon Chalmers, William Bryant, John M. Johnson, Laurence Stabler, Dr. J. D. Gatewood, Charles Tackett, and Capt. Albert Bryant.

#### U. S. Circuit Court to Open.

The United States Court for the Eastern district of Virginia, Judge Edmund Wallbridge presiding, will be opened for the January term to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. Several cases are docketed on both the civil and criminal dockets. Among the suits at law to be heard at this term is that of Howard C. Knode against Crandall Mackey, Commonwealth attorney of Alexandria County, for damages in the sum of \$10,000 for alleged unlawful prosecution. It is charged that Attorney Mackey caused the arrest of Knode in September, 1905, during a raid on an alleged gambling house in Jackson City. The criminal docket includes the cases against T. B. Berry, charged with illicit distilling, and Samuel J. Hopkins, charged with carrying on a retail liquor dealer's business without having paid the special tax required.

#### Negro Murderer Happy.

Howard Banks, colored, who was sentenced to be hanged next Friday for the murder of Thomas Elzey, was one of the happiest men in Alexandria to-day, after being informed that Gov. Swanson had decided to commute his sentence to life imprisonment. The information received here came in a new dispatch.

#### Funeral of Miss Martha Berryman.

The funeral of Miss Martha Berryman, whose death occurred Friday, took place this afternoon from the late home of the deceased, 126 North Patrick street. The services were conducted by the Rev. Charles D. Bullock, of the M. E. Church, South, and the burial took place in Union Cemetery.

The Rev. Joseph R. Sevier, who recently accepted a call to the David Presbyterian Church, delivered the first regular sermon of his pastorate here this morning before a large congregation.

Bishop O'Gorman, of Sierra Leone, West Africa, celebrated mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church this morning, and conducted the vesper services at 7:30 o'clock this evening. He preached at both services.

## ANTE-BELLUM DENTIST DEAD.

Passing of Dr. William Shultz Miller Ends Interesting Career.

Special to The Washington Herald. Winchester, Va., Jan. 6.—Dr. William Shultz Miller, for many years one of the most prominent dentists of this section of Virginia, died to-day at his family residence, after sickness incident to old age. He was a graduate of the Baltimore Dental College and practiced his profession all over the South before the civil war.

He was a leading member of the Lutheran Church. Dr. Miller was born in Winchester on February 22, 1823. He leaves one brother, Dr. Godfrey L. Miller, and three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Green, and Misses Sidney and Emily Miller, all of Winchester.

#### Mrs. Rebecca Larrick Dead.

Special to The Washington Herald. Winchester, Va., Jan. 6.—Mrs. Rebecca Larrick, widow of David W. Larrick, died last night in Winchester, at the home of her niece, Mrs. John Grear, where she was taken ill while visiting during the Christmas holidays. She was sixty-six years old. She leaves one son, Marvin Larrick, of Hayfield, this county, and one daughter, Mrs. Dr. Walker, of Frostburg, Md.

#### Japanese Tobacco Expert Is Ill.

Special to The Washington Herald. Richmond, Va., Jan. 6.—I. Abe, one of a number of Japanese sent from Washington by the legation there to study the tobacco conditions in Virginia and purchase the weed for their government, is suffering with typhoid fever at the Virginia Hospital. His condition is now considered especially dangerous.

## OLIVER F. LANTZ DEAD.

Oldest Member of Chamber of Commerce Passes Away in Baltimore.

Special to The Washington Herald. Baltimore, Jan. 6.—Oliver F. Lantz, aged seventy-nine years, the oldest member of the chamber of commerce, and well known in business circles in this city for nearly sixty years, died this morning at his home, 1835 Madison avenue.

Mr. Lantz was head of the flour and grain firm of Samuel Elder & Co., and since coming to Baltimore, in 1847, he had been identified with the flour and grain business and other local commercial interests. He was the only surviving member of the flour and grain exchange, which developed into the chamber of commerce.

He was born on September 20, 1828, at Lettersburg, Washington County, Md. He was closely identified with the Lutheran Church, and was a member of the general council. For twenty-six years he was treasurer of the board of foreign missions of the general synod of that church. He was married to Miss Catherine Appold, whom he survived forty-two years. He has only one surviving child, Mrs. Lewis J. Lederer.

#### SUSPECT IS NOT SENESEY.

Sheriff Delbert Goes to Shepherdstown Only to Find Wrong Man.

Special to The Washington Herald. Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 6.—John Hugh Senezey, who is wanted here on the charge of attacking ten-year-old Irene Nave, at Pinesburg, is still at large.

Sheriff Delbert returned to Hagerstown to-day from Shepherdstown, W. Va., without his man. Upon his arrival at Shepherdstown Sheriff Delbert found in the lockup there a man bearing a close resemblance to Senezey and wearing clothes similar to those worn by Senezey when the latter disappeared, but the man was not Senezey.

After proving conclusively to the officer that he was not the person wanted, the man, who gave the name of John Rieby, was released from custody. Sheriff Delbert expressed the belief to-night that Senezey is in hiding in the vicinity of Pinesburg.

## BETROTHALS IN BALTIMORE

Cardinal Gibbons Will Officiate at Marriage of Miss Wylie.

Engagements of Miss Hortense McIntire and Miss Dorothy Small Also Announced.

Baltimore, Jan. 6.—An engagement of much interest to society is that of Miss Helen Wylie, of this city, to Frederick McLaughlin, of Chicago. Miss Wylie is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Alexander Wylie, of 817 St. Paul street. She is a beautiful girl.

Miss Wylie recently returned from Chicago, where she visited Mrs. W. W. Keith, formerly Miss Fannie Winchester-Brown, and was much entertained during her stay. Mrs. Potter Palmer giving a dinner for her.

Mr. McLaughlin is a son of the late Frederic and Mrs. McLaughlin, and is one of the most eligible young men in Chicago. He is a graduate of Harvard, class of '01. The marriage will take place in the early spring at the home of the bride, where the first debaute of this season to announce her engagement. She is a comely girl, and is the only daughter of former Congressman and Mrs. William Watson McIntire. Through her mother, who, before her marriage, was Miss Hardesty, daughter of Richard C. Hardesty and Mary Rogers, of Druid Hill, Miss McIntire is a great-granddaughter of James Monroe, and is connected with families prominent in Colonial and Revolutionary history. Mr. Stork is a graduate of Princeton, and is the son of William L. Stork and Clinton Wright Warner Stork.

Miss Georgianna Small announces the engagement of her daughter, Dorothy, to Hall Worthington, of Wilmington, Del., formerly of Baltimore. Miss Small is a descendant of Benjamin Edes, one of the leaders of the Boston tea party, and also of Captain Henry Neale, of Revolutionary fame.

#### WIRE IN HEART KILLS COW.

Substance Had Worked Its Way From Stomach Into Vital Organ.

Special to The Washington Herald. Cumberland, Md., Jan. 6.—J. H. Moore, of Montrose, Randolph County, W. Va., lost a valuable cow under circumstances that seemed almost impossible. The animal seemed in good health in the evening when it was fed, but when Mrs. Moore went